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1. TORONTO STAR LEAD EDITORIAL JUNE 20, "CANADA'S AUTO INDUSTRY - WE DESERVE BETTER SHARE OF JOBS," ADRESSED POSITION NEWSPAPER BELIEVES FEDERAL INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE MINISTER CHRETIEN SHOULD TAKE WITH EXECUTIVES OF CANADA'S AUTO INDUSTRY AT MEETING IN OTTAWA TODAY FOLLOWING ISSUANCE OF REVIEW OF NORTH AMERICAN AUTO INDUSTRY BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT APPOINTMED TASK FORCE.

2. STAR SUGGESTED CHRETIEN "SHOULD STRESS THAT IF MORAL SUASION DOESN'S WORK, HE'LL CONSIDER TOUGHER STEP TO ACCOMPLISH A BETTER DEAL FOR CANADA." AFTER REVIEWING SOME ELEMENTS OF AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT UNDER TERMS OF 1965 AUTO PACT, STAR CONCLUDED THAT AGREEMENT "DOESN'T PRECLUDE A BALANCED GROWTH IN BOTH COUNTRIES IN ALL SECTORS OF THE INDUSTRY...IF BOTH CANADA AND THE U.S. HAVE BENEFITTED FROM THE AUTO PACT, THE BIGGEST BENEFICIARIES HAVE BEEN THE AMERICAN-OWNED AUTO COMPANIES THEMSELVES. INDUSTRY MINISTER CHRETIEN
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MUST REMIND THEM FORCEFULLY THAT THE FRUITS OF THIS EXERCISE IN CONTINENTAL COOPERATION MUST BE DISTRIBUTED MORE FAIRLY ON THIS SIDE OF THE BORDER."

3. COMMENT: PRESSURE ON THE CANADIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND ON THE ONTARIO GOVERNMENT, SINCE ONTARIO IS HOME TO THE CANADIAN AUTO INDUSTRY, IS LED BY THE CANADAIN

AUTOMOTIVE PARTS MANUFCAURERS ASSOCIATION AND, IN
PARTICULAR, BY THE ASSOCIATION'S ACTIVIST PRESIDENT
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